IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1754

BENDIT CFISTOL

Examiner: S. Bos

Serial No.: 09/744,237

Filed: February 23, 2001

For: PROCESS FOR CONTROLLING PARTICLE SIZE IN A BAYER CTRCUIT

PFECIPITATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING AN AGGLOMERATION PHASE

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the new abstract as found attached nereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter into the application the substitute specification as attached hereto in clean and marked-up forms.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel chaims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new claims:

DEPARTMENT, OCHOLITZ & COUCHERTY